

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council.

Austin Tex. May 2, 1887.

Hon. J.W. Robertson, mayor, presiding

Roll:

Call. Roll-Call. Present - Aldermen Alexander, Anderson, Brush, Graham, Jones, Platt, Phillips, Schuber, Townsend, Walker, Warren, Wortham - 12.

Absent - Ald. Caldwell, Campbell, Cummings, Fisher,

Metz, Odell, Schneider, Wellmer - 8.

Minutes. The minutes of the last meeting of the City Council were adopted as printed.

Capital Gaslight Co. Alderman Anderson introduced a communication from the Capital Gaslight Company stating that the Company could not furnish lights to the City as cheap as it had been doing. Referred to Water and Gas Committee.

Petition regarding Sanitary matter. Alderman Walker presented a petition from Citizens of the Tenth ward calling attention of the Council to its Sanitary Condition and requesting that steps be taken to improve the same.

Referred to Committee on Sanitation & Sewers.

Report of City Officers for the month of April.

Treasurer's Report

Receipts:

Balance on hand March 31,	\$15.034.67.
Recd from Assessor & Collector:	\$
Advalorem tax,	9. 119. 53.
License "	432. 66.
General fund "	419. 30.
Cemetery "	20. 50.
	\$ 25.026.66.

Disbursements:

Cemetery fund, paid Warrants	\$ 43.35
General "	7543. 92

\$ 7.587.27

Cash balances, April 1:

Cemetery fund,	\$ 883.80
Back debt "	172.73
Interest "	25.00
General "	16,957.86
	\$ 25.026.66.

Unappropriated Balances:

Cemetery fund	\$ 20.32
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A & C's.
report

Referred to Committee on Finance or revenue.

Assessor & Collector's Report for quarter ending April 30, 1887:

Amounts Collected, Viz:

Taxes	1886,	\$40.503.48
	1885,	187.55
	1882,	8.85
	1881,	16.15 = \$40.715.98.
Licence Taxes		1.263.54.
Support of Hospital		500.00.
Fines & Costs of Rec'd. Court		1.318.10.
Pound Fees & Sales		7.00
- Ground Rents		84.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots		98.00
Sale of Rev. Ordinances		1.25
(Mount deposited, per Treasurer's receipts No. 8,618 inclusive) \$43.987.87.		

Report of School Taxes Collected and deposited, for quarter ending April 30, 1887.

Amount Collected, Viz:

School taxes of 1886.	\$9.602.39.
School " " 1885.	61.83
Total	9.664.22.

Clerk's Report.

Clerk's report

Total amount of warrants issued during April, 1887... \$5.901.13.

Marshals Report.

Marshals report

Total amount of fines and Costs assessed in Recorders Court \$1.020.45
 Collected in Cash 327.50
 Worked Out 692.95
 Total number of arrests 85.

Referred to Committee on police.

Physicians Report.

Physicians report.

Number of patients in hospital April 1.	10
" " admitted to " during "	15
" " discharged from " " "	8
" " died " "	4
" " remaining in " May 1.	13
" Visits made during April	147
" prescriptions written "	157
" cases of scarlet fever reported in April	3
Health of City exceptionally good.	

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Sexton's report.

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Deaths	35
White	25
Colored	10
Male	19
Female	16.

J.W. Maddox.

Ihad Reeves.

A.D. Anderson.

Ald. Cummings.

J.O. Palm.

Hydrant & lamp.

Mrs Lizzie
Reeves.

Ald. Metz;
Scavenger
Carts.

Printers Home.

The Mayor asked the consent of the Council to the remission of balance of fines and Costs assessed in recorder's Court against J.W. Maddox, Ihad Reeves and A.D. Andersen, the latter on condition that he refrains from further violations of law.

The Council concurred in the remissions Alderman Cummings came in.

Alderman Jones submitted a proposal or bid from J.O. Palm, to keep the City Clock in repair one year for \$70, and moved that the Contract be awarded to him. Adopted.

Alderman Anderson, for Committee on Water & Gas, reported favorably on a resolution to locate a gas-lamp and water-hydrant at the corner of Rio Grande and Twenty-fifth Streets.

The report recommends that the street lamp at the corner of Sixth and Calorado Streets be discontinued, and a lamp instead be located as per the resolution, and that a new hydrant be purchased of the City Water Company and located at the point named in the resolution, the City Water Company having agreed to charge no rental for the same. The report was adopted.

Alderman Brush presented a ~~request~~ for assistance, which he had received from Mrs. Lizzie Reeves. A motion was made and adopted, requiring the City physician to immediately visit the family, and, if he deems it necessary, to send them to the hospital until well.

Alderman Metz came in.

The Sanitary Inspector presented a report in regard to the two additional Scavenger Carts, and requested that a small additional sum be appropriated for that purpose laid over.

Alderman Cummings introduced a resolution.

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which was adopted, providing for donating about seven acres of land adjacent to Fairview Park and which is owned by the City, to the Typographical Union of the United States, for the purpose of erecting thereon the proposed home for indigent and disabled printers.

Ad Valorem
tax of 1887.

Alderman Wortham offered an ordinance fixing the per centum of ad valorem tax on real and personal property in the City of Austin for general purposes, and providing for levying and collecting same, for the year 1887.

The ordinance was read first time, after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second and third readings, and that it do now pass, all of which were adopted by the following vote:

Yea - Ald. Alexander, Anderson,
Brush, Cummings, Graham, Jones, Metz, Platt,
Phillips, Schuber, Townsend, Waesler, Warren,
Wortham - 14.

School tax
of 1887

Alderman Wortham also presented an ordinance fixing and levying an ad valorem tax of one third of one per centum, real and personal, within the City of Austin, made taxable for State and County purposes for the year A.D. 1887, for the support of the public schools of said City. Ordinance was read first time, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second readings, which was rejected by the following vote:

Yea - Ald. Alexander, Anderson,
Brush, Cummings, Graham, Jones, Metz,
Phillips, Townsend, Waesler, Warren, Wortham - 12.
Nay - Ald. Platt and Schuber - 2.

The ordinance was then referred to the Committee on finance and revenue.

The special Committee on Sanitation submitted reports in substance as follows:

ave gutters.

That the sanitary inspector be directed to employ workmen and at once repair the gutters on both sides of Congress

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- River current Avenue and Pecan street so as to give them a uniform grade. The report was adopted.
- Crematory. That the County Judge favors changing the Current of the river as proposed, and will endeavor to secure the Co-operation of the County Commissioners in making the improvement, and pending the action of the Commissioners, the Committee asked further time. Further time was allowed.
- Reward. The Committee also requested further time in which to collect information regarding the establishment of a Crematory to dispose of animals dying in the city. Further time was granted.
- Mouth of sewers. The Committee reported in regard to the Condition of the Mouth of the sewers, and stated that they had been upon the ground and had made a Careful and thorough examination of the river at that point, and found nothing offensive or liable to become so, and was Convinced that the Contemplated extension of the sewers into the rapid Current was impracticable and unnecessary. A motion was made to postpone action on the report until the next meeting of the Council. The Vote on the question stood 7 to 7, and the Chair Voted yes, thereby adopting the motion to postpone.
- Hanging signs. Alderman Wertham moved a reconsideration of the Vote, by which "An Ordinance prohibiting the use of hanging signs, and providing for a removal of the same," was passed at the last meeting of the Council. Alderman Brush moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table. Lost: Yes - Ald. Brush, Jones, Metz, Platt, Townsend, Walker, Warren, 7. Nays - Ald. Alexander, Anderson, Cummings, Graham, Phillips, Schuber, Wertham - 7, the Chair voting Nay.
- The motion to reconsider then prevailed - Yes Ald. Alexander, Anderson, Cummings, Graham, Phillips, Schuber and Wertham - 7. Nays - Ald. Brush, Jones,

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Metz, Platt, Townsend, Walker, and Warren - 7, the Chair Voting Yea.

Alderman Werthan then moved to refer the Ordinance to a special Committee of five aldermen. Alderman Brush moved to lay the motion to refer on the table. Carried. Yeas, 8; Nays, 6.

~~Rhoads Fisher Action~~ On the reports from the Sanitation Committee in regard to Rhoads Fisher being permitted to run waste water from his premises, either into Colorado street gutter or Little Shoal Creek, was postponed.

~~Public Improvements~~ Aldermen Phillips and Graham, of the street Committee, submitted a report on "an Ordinance amending Article 5, Section 1, of an Ordinance making appropriations out of the general fund for public improvements", and recommended that the Ordinance named be substituted by "an Ordinance appropriating \$650 for improvement of streets in the Eighth Ward". Alderman Schubel moved to lay the report and substitute on the table. Lost. Yeas, 7; Nays, 7, the Chair Voting Nay.

The motion to adopt the substitute and report then prevailed. Yeas, 7; Nays, 7, the Chair Voting Yea.

~~Approved acts.~~ Alderman Werthan introduced an Ordinance appropriating the sum \$636.35, for the purpose of paying approved accounts. The Ordinance was read first time, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance on its second reading, which was adopted by a unanimous vote of the 14 aldermen present.

Alderman Werthan moved to amend Section One by adding \$50 to finish paying for the two additional scavenger carts and harnesses, etc., for the same. Adopted.

Alderman Warren then moved to amend Section One by adding \$660 for the purpose of paying a note and interest due to Mr Frank Hamilton, June 1, 1887, for a part of block 37, in Division E, which was purchased for the use of the fire department. Carried. The caption of the Ordinance was then changed so as to conform to the amendments, after which motions were made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third reading.

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and that the ordinance do now pass, both of which were adopted by the following vote: Yeas - Ald. Alexander, Anderson, Brush, Cummings, Graham, Jones, Metz, Platt, Phillips, Schuber, Townsend, Walker, Warren, Wortham - 14.

Water mains Alderman Anderson introduced an ordinance amending

"An ordinance ordering the city Water Company to extend mains and locate hydrants thereon", passed March 16, 1886. The ordinance was read first time, after which a motion was made to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading, which was rejected by the following vote: Yeas - Ald. Alexander, Anderson, Cummings, Graham, Jones, Metz, Platt, Phillips, Schuber, Townsend, Walker, Warren, Wortham - 13. Nay - Alderman Brush. Alderman Platt was excused.

Alderman Anderson also offered a resolution, which was adopted, authorizing the Committee on Water & gas to correspond with different electric light companies with a view to lighting the city with electric lights.

Alderman Brush introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Tax suits. Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin, That the City Attorney be and he is hereby instructed, to report to the Council at the next regular meeting, the condition of suits for the recovery of unpaid taxes.

Charges Alderman Anderson presented a resolution, which was tabled, providing for a special Committee of three to investigate the charges made against the city marshal for allowing merchants to keep goods on the sidewalks contrary to the ordinances of the city.

On motion, the Council then adjourned
Milton Morris,
City Clerk.